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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL FRENCH-ROMANIAN PARTY VISITS

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1. ROMANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELLOR TELLS US PCF GENERAL SECRETARY MARCHAIS HAS ACCEPTED LONG-STANDING INVITATION TO VISIT BUCHAREST. AT SAME TIME PCF HAS INVITED HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN CP DELEGATION TO COME TO PARIS. INITIATIVE IN BOTH CASES CAME FROM FRENCH CP AND MARKS SHARP CHANGE FROM POLICY OF AVOIDING CONTACTS WITH ROMANIAN CP LEADERS WHICH FRENCH COMMUNISTS HAVE FOLLOWED FOR PAST FIVE YEARS. ROMANIAN COUNSELLOR REMARKED THAT WHILE THERE HAD BEEN SOME PARTY EXCHANGES AT WORKING "STUDY GROUP" LEVEL DURING THIS PERIOD, PCF HAD HAD CONSISTENTLY RESISTED ROMANIAN FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS.

2. ROMANIAN COUNSELLOR HAD NO HESITATION IN LINKING
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MORE FORTHCOMING PCF ATTITUDE TOWARD ROMANIAN CP WITH

CURRENT CHILL IN PCF RELATIONS WITH CPSU. HE NOTED, FOR
EXAMPLE, THAT ATTITUDE OF ROMANIAN AND FRENCH
CPS COINCIDES IN RESISTING SOVIET PUSH FOR WORLD
COMMUNIST CONFERENCE. IN HIS VIEW, SOVIETS BECOMING
INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER POSSIBLE "ITALIANIZATION"
OF PCF.

3. COMMENT: ALL THIS FITS WITH PATTERN OF INCREASING
PCF INDEPENDENCE NOTED REFTELS. PCF RESISTENCE TO WORLD
COMMUNIST CONFERENCE ALSO STEMS FROM PREFERENCE FOR
CLOSER COORDINATION OF WESTERN EUROPEAN CPS, A LINE
PUSHED AT BRUSSELS CP CONCLAVE IN JANUARY AND REINFORCED
BY MEETING OF WEST EUROPEAN CP'S IN PARIS JUNE 22-23.
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